

An Introduction to Entomology. By John Henry Comstock, Late Professor of Entomology and Invertebrate Zoology in Cornell University. Ninth edition, revised. Ithaca, New York, Comstock Publishing Company, Inc., 1940. $9\frac{1}{2} \times 6$ inches. xix + 1064 pp., Frontis., 1228 Figs. \$5.00.

The appearance of the ninth edition of this work of acknowledged excellence makes superfluous any praise that I might bestow upon it. And so this notice is merely an announcement of its availability in a revised form and of its recognition of the interest in biological control by its revision and extended discussion of certain superfamilies of the Hymenoptera. Although entitled *An Introduction to Entomology*, it is really a comprehensive general treatise involving various ramifications of the external and internal anatomy of insects, of metamorphosis, and of classification, with numerous analytical tables for the determination of families. In this latest edition, new discoveries and opinions have been included.

Its publication reminds me that the only book I ever borrowed and failed to return was a copy of *A Manual for the Study of Insects*, by John Henry Comstock and Anna Botsford Comstock, 2nd edition, published in 1897. I borrowed it in 1900 and still have it. I always meant to return it and never felt right about keeping it so long, but at the time it was indispensable to me, and I could not spare it. When I was ready to return it, the original owner was no longer alive.

The present work, I am sure, is just as necessary to present day entomologists, but I recommend its purchase rather than borrowing and keeping it for forty years.—H. B. W.